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STRICTLY PERSONAL: EXCERPTS FROM MY DIARY

May 11 -- CIA source telephoned with grim news from Iran-Iraq front. Iraqis are using chemical weapons, he said, to stop relentless Iranian advance. I was first to report in 1980 that Iraq had developed chemical capability. Then in early 1984, I reported Iraq had resorted to chemical warfare to stop remorseless Iranians; story was confirmed by United Nations. Despite worldwide condemnation, Iraq again has started using these terrible weapons. This is the measure, source said, of Iraq's desperation.